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FOR THE YEAR

1960

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

MADAM CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Annual Report for 1960 I have much pleasure in informing you that the health of the people of the Urban District remains good.

The population increased by 690, there were 423 more inhabited houses, births increased by 72 and the birth rate increased to 18.42. There was a fall in the illegitimacy and still birth rates.

Deaths increased a little to a total of 367, the major cause of death being due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system in which coronary disease played the largest part. Infant and neonatal deaths showed little change.

Infectious diseases notifications fell considerably mainly due to the decline in the number of cases of measles. There was also a sharp fall in notifications of food poisoning, dysentery and puerperal pyrexia. There was little change in the total tuberculosis registrations while the 9 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis was one less than in the previous year.

A most gratifying feature has been the increase in the number of children under one year who have been vaccinated against smallpox and I am pleased to report that the 429 infants vaccinated represents 75.5% of the average number of births in 1959 and 1960. There has also been a steady increase in the number of children under one year who have been immunised against diphtheria. The 217 children under one year immunised represents 36.9% of the average number of births in 1959 and 1960. This percentage is not nearly high enough yet.

Polionyelitis vaccination was organised by the County Council. The local response has been satisfactory, especially among infants and schoolchildren.

I would like to thank you, Madam Chairman, and the Members of the Health Committee for your continued support and the Public Health Inspectors and officers of other departments for their ready assistance and co-operation.

I am, Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

C. H. PHILLIPS.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area: 9,218 Acres.

POPULATION:

Registrar General's estimate of Population in mid 1960 showed an increase of 690.

1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1938
32,790	32,100	31,700	30,910	29,800	23,540
(Census, 1951: 27,924)					

Inhabited Houses at the end of the year:-

1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1938
10,413	9,995	9,798	9,678	9,087	6,902

Rateable Value, 1st April, 1960: £364,790.

Product of Penny Rate: £1,471/5/10d. (£1,318/8/4d.)

VITAL STATISTICS (1959 figures given in brackets)

LIVE BIRTHS.

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	291	294	585 (509)
Illegitimate	6	13	19 (23)
Total	297	307	604 (532)

BIRTH RATE (Births per 1,000 population).

1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1938	1960 (England and Wales).
16.72	16.57	17.51	16.76	13.33	17.8	17.1

ILLEGITIMACY RATE (Total live illegitimate births per 1,000 live births):

1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1938
31.45	43.23	28.3	37.77	31.86	33.5

STILL BIRTHS.

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	6	3	9 (17)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
Total	6	3	9 (17)

STILL BIRTH RATE (Still births per 1,000 total births):

1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1938	1960 (England and Wales)
19.1	32.7	17.49	2.34	21.58	27.9	19.7

DEATHS

M	F	Total
147 (176)	106 (113)	253 (289)

DEATH RATE (Deaths per 1,000 population):

1960	1959	1958	1938	1960 (England and Wales)
11.53	10.46	10.52	12.5	11.5

MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH
(as percentages of total deaths)

1. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system.	54.5% (45.43%)
2. Cancer and other malignant diseases.	16.08% (16.81%)
3. Respiratory diseases (excluding tuberculosis)	13.35% (19.76%)
4. Accidents, Suicide.	4.63% (5.3%)

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS

Age at Death	%1960	%1959	%1958	%1957
0 - 1 year	3.54%	3.24%	2.20%	3.10%
1 - 14 years.	1.91%	1.47%	1.09%	2.33%
15 - 44 years.	7.08%	3.24%	6.20%	5.17%
45 - 64 years.	24.25%	24.19%	28.47%	20.67%
65 and over.	63.22%	67.86%	62.04%	68.73%

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Maternal deaths per 1,000 total births).

1960	1959	1958	1957	1938	1960 (England and Wales)
1.63	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.17	0.39

INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY

INFANT DEATHS (Deaths of Infants under 1 year).

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	8	4	12 (12)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
Total	8	4	12 (12)

NEONATAL DEATHS (Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks).

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	6	4	10 (8)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
Total	6	4	10 (8)

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATH RATES

	1960	1959	1958	1938	1960 (England and Wales)
Deaths of legitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 legitimate births.	20.51	23.58	7.42	56.9	-
Deaths of illegitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 illegitimate births.	-	-	75.00	166.7	-
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births.	16.56	15.04	9.01	-	15.6

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATH RATES (CONTD.)

	1960	1959	1958	1938	(England and Wales) 1960
Deaths of all infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births,	19.37	22.56	10.81	59.8	21.7
Early Neonatal Mortality rate (Deaths during the first week) per 1,000 related live births.	9.93	13.16	3.60	-	-
Perinatal Mortality rate (stillbirths + deaths during the first week) per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.	24.47	43.72	16.0	-	32.9

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS (Neonatal figures given in brackets):

	1960	1959	1958	1957
Congenital Malformations	6 (5)	3 (1)	2 (2)	3 (2)
Prematurity	3 (3)	4 (4)	1 (1)	3 (3)
Respiratory Disease	2 (2)	1 (-)	2 (1)	4 (1)
Gastro-Enteritis	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total	12 (10)	12 (8)	6 (5)	12 (8)

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council administers the Ante-Natal, Child Welfare, School, Immunisation, Dental and Specialist Services which aim at the preservation of health of the community and the prevention of diseases, especially among children. The Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery services provided by the County Council, supported by the Home Help Service, managed by the W.V.S. and the Loan of Nursing Requisites Scheme managed by the Red Cross continued to provide invaluable domiciliary help and advice.

The district is well served by hospitals of all kinds either within the district or within comparatively easy reach of it, except for casualty facilities for major accidents which need to be transported either to the Accident Hospital, Birmingham, or to the Worcester Royal Infirmary in Worcester.

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Royal Infirmary, Worcester and chemical analyses of water, etc., were done by the County Laboratory, Worcester. The Health Department is greatly indebted to the Directors of these Laboratories for their help and co-operation.

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

The Meals on Wheels Service is operated by the W.V.S. Meals are prepared at All Saints Church Hall and are delivered in containers by W.V.S. members. The numbers receiving meals and the number of meals delivered is given below.

	No. receiving meals	No. of meals delivered.
1st January, 1959 - 31st January, 1960.	30	278
1st February, - 1st February.	31	262
1st February, - 1st March.	33	250
1st March, - 1st April.	33	238
1st April, - 1st May.	33	226
1st May, - 1st June.	33	205
1st June, - 1st July.	29	272
1st July, - 1st September.	35	369
1st September, - 30th October.	30	277
1st October, - 1st November.	30	230
1st November, - 1st December.	32	250
Total.		2,907

CHIROPODY SERVICE

Two services were available, one through the agency of the British Red Cross Society by arrangement with a local Chiropodist who held monthly sessions.

The second, the County Council Chiropody Service which came into operation in Bromsgrove in August, 1960, sessions being held twice monthly and appointments being made through the County Health Department.

BROMSGROVE DISTRICTS SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Quarterly meetings were held which were attended by representatives of statutory and voluntary bodies in the Urban and Rural Districts of Bromsgrove. A wide variety of subjects were discussed and when the occasion arose, case conferences were held. The Directory of Social Services prepared by the Committee was issued to all those individuals and organisations who might be able to make use of the information given.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors is given in the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector and a detailed statement of the sanitary state of the district is included.

The water supplied by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company is sampled frequently and the results of samples are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Cleansing.

Refuse collection and disposal are carried out by the Surveyor's Department. A bonus scheme operates in an attempt to obtain a weekly collection service throughout the Urban District.

HOUSING

The housing position at the end of 1960 was as follows:-

Number of houses in the district.	10,418 (9,995)
Number of persons per house.	3.14 (3.21)
Number of houses built by private enterprise.	247 (206)
Number of houses built by Council.	44 (5)
Number of houses under construction at end of year.	299 (303)
Number of houses demolished during 1960.	17 (14)

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Details of the work carried out by the Health Department under this heading are given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT

1960

Cause of Death	M	F	Total	Mortality Rate
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory. ...	2	1	3	0.09
2. Tuberculosis, Other. ...	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease. ...	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria. ...	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough. ...	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections. ...	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis. ...	-	-	-	-
8. Measles. ...	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic Diseases.	1	-	1	0.03
10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach. ...	6	5	11	0.34
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	8	2	10	0.31
12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast. ...	-	10	10	0.31
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus. ...	-	3	3	0.09
14. Other malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms. ...	16	9	25	0.78
15. Leukemia, Alkalemia. ...	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes. ...	2	1	3	0.09
17. Vascular lesions of Nervous System.	17	29	46	1.53
18. Coronary Disease, Angina. ...	42	29	71	2.24
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease.	4	7	11	0.34
20. Other Heart disease. ...	23	36	59	1.86
21. Other Circulatory Disease. ...	9	4	13	0.40
22. Influenza. ...	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia. ...	12	13	25	0.78
24. Bronchitis. ...	17	6	23	0.72
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory system.	1	-	1	0.03
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.	1	-	1	0.03
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	2	-	2	0.06
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis. ...	1	1	2	0.06
29. Hyperplasia of prostate. ...	-	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, Abortion.	-	1	1	0.03
31. Congenital Malformations. ...	2	5	7	0.21
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases.	10	12	22	0.69
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents. ...	4	3	7	0.21
34. All other accidents. ...	4	3	7	0.21
35. Suicide. ...	3	-	3	0.09
36. Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-	-
Total ...	187	180	367	11.53

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1960

Disease	Corrected Notifications
Smallpox.	-
Scarlet Fever.	48
Diphtheria.	-
Bacterial or Typhoid Fever.	-
Brucella Fever.	-
Measles.	35
Whooping Cough.	33
Acute Poliomyelitis.	4
Subacute Lymphitis.	18
Meningococcal Infections.	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-
Acute Encephalitis.	-
Leptospirosis.	19
Ornithosis, Mononucleosis.	-
Brucellosis.	-
Cholera.	-
Botulism.	-
Total	161 (550)

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of children who completed a course of immunisation during the year 1960, was as follows:-

	1960	1959	1958	1957
Under 5 years.	532	452	477	346
5 - 14 years.	26	30	15	36
Total.	558	482	492	382
Reinforcing injection. ...	324	265	234	235
2nd Reinforcing injection.	10	-	-	-

The "immunisation state" of Bronsgrove children on the 31st December, 1960 was as follows:-

Age at 31/12/60. i.e. born in yr.	Under 1 1960	1 - 4 1956 - 1959	5 - 9 1951 - 1955	10 - 14 1946 - 1950	Under 15 Total
Last complete course of injec- tions (whether primary or booster) 1956 - 1960.	217 (182)	1,606 (1,377)	1,573 (1,493)	156 (157)	3,552 (3,209)
1955 or earlier.	-	-	611 (509)	2,117 (2,020)	2,728 (2,529)
No. of Births.	604 (532)	-	-	-	-

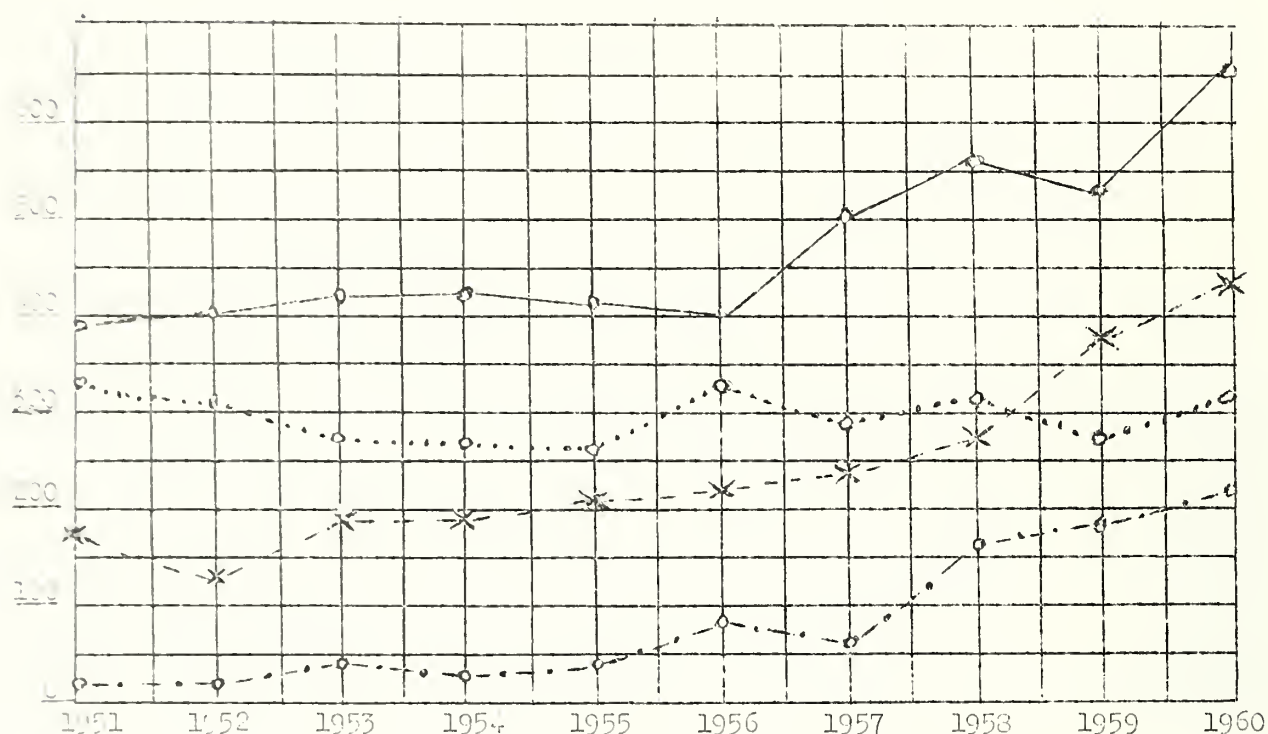
Vaccination.

Number of persons Vaccinated (or Re-Vaccinated) during 1960:-

Age at date of Vaccina- tion.	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 or over	Total 1960	Total 1959	Total 1958
No. Vaccin- ated.	429 (367)	2	4	5	10	450	395	297
No. Re- Vaccin- ated.	-	-	1	4	26	31	24	19

The 429 infants vaccinated represents 75.5% (67.6%) of the average number of births in the two years 1960 and 1959.

Graph showing annual births, smallpox vaccination of children under 1 year and completed diphtheria immunisations of children under 1 year during the 10 years, 1951 - 1960.



Births:- —————
 Smallpox vaccinations under 1 year:- - - - -
 Completed diphtheria immunisations
 under 1 year:- -
 1 to 4 yrs. (inc):-o

Tuberculosis:-

Tuberculosis registrations at the end of 1960 were as follows:-

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary.	100	97	197 (192)
Non-Pulmonary.	14	7	21 (23)
Total	114 (115)	104 (100)	218 (215)

Tuberculosis Incidence and Mortality for the year 1960

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - ...	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - ...	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
55 - ...	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Age unknown.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4 9	5 (10)	- -	- (1)	3 4	1 (7)	- -	- (-)

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR

1960.

MY LORD CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the report of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors in 1960.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.

Discussions commenced in 1959 with the butchers, concerning the provision of future slaughtering facilities in the Area were continued and the Council decided to proceed with a scheme for the erection of a Public Abattoir in a portion of the Cattle Market.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food gave approval in principle in August, 1960 to the erection of a public slaughterhouse.

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known).	379	-	9	2677	640	-
Number inspected.	379	-	9	2677	640	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:-</u>						
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	33	-	-	29	35	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	8.73%	-	-	1.08%	5.47%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>						
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	8	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	1.25%	-
<u>Cysticercosis:-</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSES OF CONDEMNATION AND APPROXIMATE WEIGHT

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	76	76
Distomatosis.	244	-	10	-	254
Abscesses.	46	-	-	3	49
Cirrhosis.	24	-	-	-	24
Bacterial Necrosis.	-	-	-	66	66
Echinococcus Cysts.	-	-	40	-	40
Pleurisy.	-	-	3	31	34
Bone Taint.	168	-	-	-	168
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	2	2
Lymphatic Leukaemia.	-	-	-	60	60
TOTALS.	482	-	53	238	773

It will be observed that all the animals slaughtered in the district are inspected.

Other food found to be unfit for human consumption is listed below:-

Brawn.	...	...	...	...	...	72 lbs.
Chickens.	...	...	...	...	...	57 lbs. 6 ozs.
Ham.	...	...	...	...	...	6 lbs.
Tongue.	...	...	...	...	...	6 lbs.
Corned Beef.	...	...	...	...	...	6 lbs.
Pork Pies....	...	...	...	...	...	7 lbs.
Pork Sausage.	...	...	...	...	...	6 lbs.
Prawns.	...	...	...	...	...	10 lbs.
Chocolate....	...	...	...	...	...	8 lbs. 8 ozs.
Cocoa.	...	...	...	...	...	4 ozs.
Coffee.	...	...	...	...	...	1 Tin.
Salted Peanuts.	...	...	...	...	...	1 Packet.

Tinned Goods

Tinned Meats.	128 Tins.
Tinned Vegetables.	...	...	...	...	80 Tins.
Tinned Fish.	...	...	...	...	54 Tins.
Tinned Soups.	...	...	...	...	39 Tins.
Tinned Fruits.	...	...	...	...	560 Tins.
Tinned Milk and Cream....	...	...	...	...	48 Tins.
Tinned Marmalade and Jam.	...	...	...	...	3 Tins.
Tinned Cereals.	...	...	...	...	8 Tins.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF SWABS TAKEN FROM FOOD PREMISES

TYPE OF UTENSIL	COLONY COUNTS							BACTERIUM COLI			% of Total Swabs taken which are considered satisfactory.*
	No. of Swabs Taken.	Sterile	Under 100	Over 100 and less than 1,000	Over 1,000 and less than 10,000	Over 10,000 and less than 100,000	Over 100,000 and less than 500,000	Absent	Present		
									Non-Faecal	Faecal	
Tea Cups.	17	8	7	1	1	-	-	15	2	1	88.24
Coffee Cups.	13	1	11	-	-	-	1	10	3	-	76.92
Tea Plates.	18	6	5	1	-	-	2	15	3	2	77.77
Dinner Plates.	19	8	5	2	-	-	-	19	-	-	89.47
Glasses.	5	2	3	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	80.00
Soup Plates.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	100.00
Sweet Plates.	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	50.00
TOTALS.	75	25	41	5	1	-	3	66	9	3	80.34

* Colony Counts of below 100 with no coliform bacteria present.

Food Premises:

The total number of visits to food premises during the year, including visits to slaughterhouses for the purpose of meat inspection was 1,043.

Minor infringements of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 were dealt with either verbally or by letter and in each case the required works were carried out. One warning letter was issued following verbal warnings concerning smoking in a food room.

During the year, routine samples of cooked meat products were submitted for bacteriological examination and were satisfactory with the exception of one sample of pork sausage, which was found to contain *Staphylococcus aureus*. Upon further investigation, the particular organism was found not to be one of the food poisoning group.

Dr. Henderson, the Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service, has kindly continued to examine swabs of crockery etc. taken from catering establishments. A very considerable improvement is noticed when a comparison is made with the earlier results of these examinations.

The number of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 is:-

(a) Ice Cream Premises.	110
(b) Premises for the preparation or manufacture of preserved food.	25

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

Fourteen licences were issued to Slaughtermen under the provisions of this Act.

Milk Supply:

Seven visits were made to the two dairies in the district. The number of samples taken for bacteriological examination was 40 and they are classified below:-

Samples	No. taken for bacteriological examination	No. Satisfactory	No. Unsatisfactory
Sterilised Milk.	4	4	-
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised).	20	20	-
Pasteurised.	11	11	-
Tuberculin Tested.	5	5	-
Total.	40	40	-

The number of licences in force under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations is as follows:-

	Tuberculin Tested	Pasteurised	Sterilised
No. of Dealer's Licences.	4	11	19
No. of Supplementary Licences.	8	6	8

Ice Cream:

Samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination numbered 69. The results, with a comparison of the 1959 figures, are set out below:-

Ice Cream - Bacteriological Results 1959 and 1960.

1959.

1960.

Grade	No. of Samples	%	Grade	No. of Samples	%
1.	55	79.86	1.	57	82.61
2.	8	11.45	2.	11	15.94
3.	6	8.69	3.	1	1.45
4.	-	-	4.	-	-
Total.	69	100.0	Total.	69	100.0

The number of premises registered is:-

Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream	...	...	...	1
Sale only	...	...	...	19
Sale of Pre-packed only	...	...	...	90

Food and Drugs Act - Sampling:

I am authorised by the County Council to act as a Sampling Officer on their behalf within the district. Sampling under this arrangement is independent of, and in addition to, sampling carried out by the County Officers.

Samples taken and submitted for analysis were as follows:-

Milk	-	Formal Samples	31
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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

An analysis of the sanitary accommodation, drainage and water supply position of houses in the district, is set out below:-

	<u>No.</u>	<u>%.</u>
No. of houses in District.	10,418	100.0
No. of houses with Separate W.C.'s....	9,524	91.42
No. of houses with Combined W.C.'s....	361	3.47
No. of houses with Privies and Earth Closets. ...	68	0.65
No. of houses with Pails and Chemicals. ...	411	3.95
No. of houses with Combined Pails. ...	34	0.32
No. of houses with Waste Water Closets. ...	20	0.19
No. of houses with Separate Mains Water Supply....	9,965	95.65
No. of houses with Standpost Mains Water Supply...	387	3.72
No. of houses with Wells, Springs or Pump Water Supply..	66	0.63
No. of houses with Baths.	8,175	78.47
No. of houses connected to Sewer. ...	9,221	88.51
No. of houses connected to Cesspools. ...	739	7.09
No. of houses connected to Septic Tanks. ...	229	2.20
No. of houses with no proper drainage. ...	229	2.20

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

Legislation controlling caravans was changed by the coming into operation on the 29th. August, 1960 of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act. The Act confers on local authorities effective powers for controlling caravan sites and introduces a new licensing system. The aim of the Act is to secure that all caravan sites, whether residential or holiday sites, are properly equipped and run, and that sites are not allowed in the wrong places but are allowed in acceptable places.

During the year the sites in the District were under review in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Public Health Act licences were in force for 85 caravans in the District. Sixty-two of these caravans were situated on two licensed sites, the rest were on individual sites or on sites for not more than 4 vans.

Difficulties have been experienced from time to time on the two larger sites arising from the disposal of sink waste water.

WATER SUPPLY

One hundred and nineteen samples of the town's mains water supply were submitted to the County Analyst and the Pathological Laboratory for chemical and bacteriological analysis, all of which were satisfactory.

ASHES ACCOMMODATION

During the year 337 dustbins were issued.

DRAINAGE

Below is a summary of the work done on drainage during the year:-

Houses connected to sewer (excluding new houses). ...	...	25
Houses connected to cesspools (excluding new houses). ...	...	6
No. of obstructed drains dealt with. ...	...	50
No. of tests applied to house drains. ...	...	50
No. of cesspools abolished. ...	...	26
New W.C.'s provided in lieu of pails etc. ...	...	8
No. of internal W.C.'s provided....	...	24
No. of pails abolished. ...	...	8
Defective drains repaired or relaid. ...	...	10

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The number of cesspools, septic tanks etc. where sewers are not available is 780, and the average routine emptying service given is three times every two years. However, complaints are always dealt with to relieve nuisances.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Emptier during the year:-

No. of Cesspools Emptied. ...	...	1067
No. of Loads from Cesspools. ...	...	1114
No. of Privies Emptied. ...	...	95
No. of Pails Emptied. ...	...	1187
Mileage Covered. ...	...	8717

RODENT CONTROL

A full-time Operator is employed to undertake treatment on all Council, private and business premises, and a summary of the work carried out is set out below:-

No. of Treatments at Private Dwellings...	...	243
No. of Treatments at Business Premises...	...	32
No. of Treatments at Council Premises.... (Sewage Outfall Works, Refuse Tips, Housing Estates etc.)	...	7
No. of Brookcourse Treatments. ...	...	6
No. of Properties Revisited and Surveyed. ...	...	1624
No. of Agricultural Properties Treated...	...	4
No. of Agricultural Properties Surveyed. ...	...	5

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Two applications were received under the above Act. These licences were granted.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

Defects or nuisances discovered. 116

Number abated. 147

Number of notices served (Informal 88, Formal 10).

Inspections:

Inspections carried out in the year are recorded below:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re- Inspection</u>
Houses under Public Health Acts.	236	393
Overcrowding.	2	-
Water Supply.	10	2
Tents, Vans and Sheds....	87	102
Schools.	4	2
Ashes Accommodation.	94	2
Accumulations.	16	2
Animals or Birds....	5	-
Piggeries....	2	-
Drainage Inspections.	860	224
Drainage Tests.	50	-
Closets - Water....	14	4
Pails or Privies.	9	-
Cesspools....	215	39
Urinals.	2	-
Sewers and Street Gullies.	59	3
Milchcops and Dairies....	7	-
Ice Cream Premises.	80	-
Slaughterhouse for Meat Inspection.	634	2
Food Preparing Premises.	117	5
General Food Premises....	179	17
Licensed Premises.	2	-
Factories Act.	35	2
Shops Act....	2	-
Rats and Lice Acts.	68	-
Vandals Premises.	1	1
Infectious Diseases.	117	-
Housing Act, 1957 - Section 16.	82	51
Housing Act, 1957 - Section 42.	53	12
Housing Act, 1957 - Other Visits.	136	-
Clothing Act.	3	-
Goods Transport & Loading Act, 1959.	202	112
Food Act, 1954.	38	1
Food Hygiene Observations.	3	-
Food Act - Premises Visited.	2	-
Health & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956.	20	-
Public Health Act.	13	-
Water Works Visits.	495	-
Interviews - Owners, Traders etc.	242	-

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED AND IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

Sinks repaired or renewed.	1
Obstructed Drains.	50
W.C. Flushing Cistern.	3
Floors repaired.	7
Roofs repaired.	23
Ceiling plaster made good.	17
Wallplaster made good.	7
Walls repaired.	7
Eavesputting and downspouts repaired or renewed....	16
Chimneys repaired....	4
Staircases repaired.	4
Firegrates renewed or repaired.	3
Dustbins provided by Local Authority.	937
Doors repaired or renewed.	7
Windows repaired or renewed.	5
Repairs to waste pipes and gullies....	4
Hot and cold water systems repaired....	10
Repairs to drains and drainage systems.	12
Structural repairs to w.c.'s....	4
Yard pavings repaired.	1
Wash-hand basins repaired, renewed or provided....	40
Dustbins provided by occupiers.	6
Baths provided.	37
New hot water supplies provided.	43
Foodstores provided.	12

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(i) By the local authority.	44
(ii) By other local authorities.	-
(iii) By other bodies or persons.	247

1. Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	708
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	1294
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1932.	59
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	59
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	55
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	67

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers....	104
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3. Action under statutory powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:-	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs....	Nil.
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners.	Nil.
(b) By local authority in default of owners.	Nil.

(1) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	67
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners.	29
(b) By local authority in default of owners.	Nil.
(c) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	11
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders... ..	17
(3) Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas.... ..	Nil.
(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957:-	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.... ..	2
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	Nil.

4. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

Standard Grants:

No. of Applications for Standard Grants approved.	40
No. of Grants where work completed.	39

Discretionary Grants:

No. of Applications for Discretionary Grants approved.	15
No. approved where work completed.	7

5. Rent Act, 1957.

No. of Applications for Certificates of Disrepair received.	8
No. of Undertakings as to remedying of defects received from Owners.	1
No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued by Local Authority.	8
No. of Applications received from Landlord or Tenant for Certificate as to remedying of defects.	Nil.
No. of Certificates issued by Local Authority as to remedying of defects.	Nil.

PETROLEUM ACTS

Seventy licences were issued during 1960 for the storage of 117.875 gallons of petroleum spirit, 100 gallons of cellulose and 36 lbs. of Carbon of Calcium.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS

PART 1. OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):-

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	5	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	38	35	5	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	10	6	-	-
TOTAL. ...	103	46	6	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	6	6	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL. ...	6	6	-	1	-

